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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRESS COVERAGE ON HALIBUT ISSUE

PASS DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, WASHDC

1. SUISAN TSUSHIN, DEC 10, REPORTS AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANCE REACHED BY JAPAN, CANADA AND U.S. ON HALIBUT ISSUE. AGREED MINUTES TO BE SOON EXCHANGED AND FORMALIZED AS INPFC DECISION.

2. ACCORDING TO PAPER, AGREEMENT COVERS TWO POINTS: (A) TRAWLING IN AREA SOUTH OF 55 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE IN ZONE A PROHIBITED FROM DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH; (B) TRAWLING IN AREA SOUTH OF 56 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE IN ZONE E PROHIBITED DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH. HOWEVER, TRAWLING PERMITTED JANUARY-MARCH 1974.

3. ARTICLE ALSO GIVES BACKGROUND OF NEGOTIATION. FULL TRANSLATION POUCHED.

4. ACCORDING JFA, AGREEMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED CENTRAL FISHERIES COUNCIL

(ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPOSED OF PUBLIC MEMBERS FROM FISHING INDUSTRY, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, ETC) WHEN COUNCIL CONVENES JAN 31. UPON APPROVAL

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COUNCIL, JFA WILL ISSUE NEW REGULATIONS. THIS EXPECTD OCCUR MID-

FEBRUARY.

5. JFA HAS ALREADY ADVISED FISHING COMPANIES SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT. COMPANIES EXPECTED COMPLY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974 ALTHOUGH REGULATION WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY IMPLEMENTED UNTIL MID-FEBRUARY.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT KEEP SEOUL POSTED ON HALIBUT ARRANGEMENTS IN VIEW ANTICIPATED INCREASE SOUTH KOREAN TRAWL ACTIVITY IN EASTERN BERING SEA.
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